Statement

List of the Institutions running the course which have not so far been recognised by Ventral Council of Homoeopathy.

S.No.	Name of the Colleges
1.	Government Homoeopathic Medical College, Bhopal.
2.	Homoeopathic Medical College, Hoshiarpur, Punjab.
3.	Vakaria Homoco Medical College, Rajkot, Gujarat.
4.	Hahnemann Homoeopathic Medical College, Rajkot.
5.	Vivekanand Homoeopathic Medical College, Bbavnagar.
6.	Singhbum Homoeopathic Medical College, Jamshedpur, Bihar.
7.	Virar Homoeopathic Medical College, Vir Savarkar Marg, Virar, Tal Vasai, Distt. Thana Maharashtra.
8.	Homoeopathic Medical College, Manivali, PO Dugadphata, Tal Bhivandi, Distt. Thana.
9.	Homoeopathic Medical College, Dapoli, Distt. Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.
10.	Homoeopathic Medical College, Behind Slate Bank of Hyderabad, Distt. Prabhani.
11.	Ahmednagar Homoeopathic Medical College, Ahmednagar.
12.	North Bengal Homoeopathic Council, West Bengal.
13.	Board of National Medical Research Centre of Homoeopathy, West Bengal.

Iron Deficiency among women and children in J&K

2833. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women and children suffering from iron deficiency in the country, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether Government propose to take some measures to eradicate this disease from the country; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) According to data available from the National Family Health Survey 1998-99, the percentage of ever married women ages 15—49 years and children under the ages of 3 years, found to have anaemia in the country and in Jammu and Kashmir is as below:

	Ever married Women 15-49 years	Children under the age of 3 Years
India	51.8%	74.3%
J&K	58.7%	71.1%

(b) and (c) Iron deficiency is a problem of inadequate nutrition. A National Nutritional Policy was formulated in 1993 and the national plan of action on nutrition is being implemented through a number of departments of Government of India including, among other, the Integrated Child Development Services Programme of Department of Women and Child Development and the Reproductive and Child Health Programme of the Department of Family Welfare for improving the nutritional status of pregnant women and children.

Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme implemented throughout the country, pregnant women and children (I -5 years) are provided with Iron and Folic Acid tablets for prophylaxis and treatment of anaemia.

Diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy

2834. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for considering to start diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy and to establish Homoeopathic Pharmacy Council, for registration of Homoeopathic Pharmacists in the country, like their counterparts, fifty years after independence;

(b) the details of benefits to the Homoeopathic Pharmacists;

(c) whether any representations have been received by Government in this regard so far; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the opinion of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) It has been